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FOR NEA FROM HABIB AND ATHERTON

1. YOUR PROPOSED RESPONSE TO CAIRO CONTAINED REFTEL
IS APPROVED. YOU SHOULD ADD FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT FAHMY'S COMMENTS TO EILTS REPORTED IN
CAIRO 7983:

--THE SECRETARY APPRECIATES FAHMY'S SUGGESTIONS (CAIRO 7983)
ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS MATTER WITH IRAQ. WE AGREE
THAT TIMING OF PUBLICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH JAVITS
WAS UNFORTUNATE, BUT THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING OVER WHICH
WE HAD ANY CONTROL. AS FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISITING
BAGHDAD, THIS IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE UNDER HIS PRESENT
SCHEDEULE. IN APPROACHING IRAQIS ABOUT POSSIBLE HABIB
VISIT, WE HAVE, HOWEVER, INFORMED THEM THAT HE
WILL BE CARRYING PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ABOUT OUR
INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS. IN ADDITION,
WE ARE INSTRUCTING OUR INTERESTS SECTION IN BAGHDAD
TO CLARIFY FOR IRAQIS THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER

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WHICH THIS CORRESPONDENCE WAS MADE PUBLIC, AS
FAHMY HAS SUGGESTED.
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